



Health Department

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The Massillon City Health Department is monitoring the flooding in the Massillon City limits. The Health Commissioner has been in communication with Aqua Ohio Water and The Massillon Fire Department about the flooding. There is currently no alerts pertaining to city water safety at this time. If an alert would be declared it will be announced in the Independent newspaper, on Facebook, TV, and the city website www.massillonohio.gov. There are some important facts to remember for flooded businesses and homes:

- Turn off the home's main power from a dry location – not standing in water! If you smell gas, turn off the main gas valve, open all windows, and leave the house and call the gas company.
- If the home has been flooded for several days you may be dealing with mold or sewage contamination.
- Throw away any food that has come in contact with flood water, or food that has not been refrigerated properly. "When in doubt, throw it out."
- Monitor your radio, TV, and newspaper for guidelines on drinking water. If you have a well, have it tested before drinking.
- All electrical equipment and appliances must be completely dry before using.
- Dry out your home as soon as possible. If you have safe electricity use a wet/dry vacuum to remove standing water. Open windows if the weather allows. Use fans and dehumidifiers to dry up moisture. Have your heating and air conditioning checked by a professional to prevent mold in the air.
- For guidance on cleaning your home or business after a flood, see the CDC website www.cdc.gov for "Clean Up Safely After a Disaster".
- The Massillon Fire Department cautions citizens using generators that they must be used outdoors to prevent carbon monoxide hazards.

If you have questions about what to do after a flood, call the Massillon City Health Department at (330) 830-1710 and we can provide CDC guidance. We will continue monitoring the flooding conditions and keep citizens informed of possible health emergency situations.